

REQUESTING NATIONAL GUARD ASSISTANCE



A Disaster or Emergency Occurs:



This information has been developed to clarify the process for National Guard response to a catastrophic emergency or disaster in support of a municipal unit of government or agency. A catastrophic disaster requires a coordinated response involving all levels of government. Military support may also include consequence management assistance in the event of a terrorist event employing a weapon of mass destruction (WMD) or any event that exceeds the capabilities of the civil sector.

The Governor will dispatch the National Guard only in the event of a declared local or state emergency AND after local mutual aid efforts have proven to be insufficient to handle the emergency incident. The only exception is the Civil Support Team, which can be deployed without such declaration. The Adjutant General may also authorize a team to assess the situation.

If the local Incident Commander or a local official authorized by 21.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes determines that National Guard assistance is required, simply make a request with the County Emergency Manager. The request is routed through Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) and then to the Adjutant General. The Adjutant General tasks the Wisconsin National Guard's Joint Force Headquarters-Joint Staff to plan and coordinate the response. The Joint Staff will facilitate the use of state and federal military assets.

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Questions or Requests for Assistance
can be directed to our

Joint Operations Center at:

Toll Free: (800) 335-5147 Ext. 8400
or

Wisconsin Emergency Management
24-hour hotline: (800) 943-0003

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Policy on Commitment of Forces

- Request through channels
- State of Emergency
- Threat to life or property
- Last Resort
- First released

